



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME



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WELCOME TO ST BEDE'S COLLEGE



St Bede's College is a leading New Zealand boys' school with more than 100 years of history educating young men for success in a changing world. We are known for strong academic outcomes, high expectations, and developing confident, capable, well-rounded students. Located in Christchurch, St Bede's provides a safe, structured and supportive environment where boys are guided and challenged within our Catholic tradition. Our approach is designed to engage young men, combining clear academic pathways with strong pastoral care and personal development.

Learning is complemented by opportunities beyond the classroom. Students are encouraged to take part in sport, cultural activities, service and leadership programmes that build teamwork, responsibility and purpose, preparing them for university and for life.

Dedicated specialist teams support learning, wellbeing and personal development, ensuring every student, local and international, is well supported throughout his time at the College. We welcome international families seeking a high-quality education in a safe, caring environment committed to developing young men of character, capability and global perspective.

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards

Jon McDowall
Rector





ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

St Bede's offers a broad and balanced academic programme designed to meet a wide range of educational goals, whether students are preparing for university study or strengthening their English language proficiency.

Students can choose from a diverse range of subject areas, including:

- Arts
- Religious Education
- Languages
- Science
- Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Physical Education and Health
- Technology

Programmes are structured to provide clear progression through the senior years, with subjects aligned to tertiary pathways and future career aspirations.

A key component of the academic offering is the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme. Designed for non-native English speakers, EAP focuses on developing the language skills required for academic success. Students strengthen academic writing, reading comprehension, speaking and listening skills, equipping them with the confidence and capability to perform strongly in mainstream classes and future tertiary study.

SPORT

St Bede's offers approximately 30 sports codes, with outstanding facilities and experienced coaches. Many students progress to represent at regional, national and international level, reflecting both the depth of our programmes and the culture of excellence that underpins sport at the college.

ARTS & CULTURE

Our Arts and Cultural programme, encourages creativity, performance and self-expression. With opportunities in music, drama, visual arts and cultural groups, boys develop confidence and discipline, with many performing and exhibiting at regional and national level.



EXPERTS IN BOYS' EDUCATION

As an all-boys' school, St Bede's College offers many educational advantages.

We have been mastering the art of boys' education for more than a century, and prioritise developing strong men of faith and character, believing that these qualities are fundamental to academic success and personal fulfilment. We know boys learn in different ways, so we have created a dynamic and engaging space specifically designed for boys.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

At St Bede's, education is holistic. We care for the academic, personal and spiritual growth of every student, ensuring strong pastoral support and individual guidance. For international families, this means your son is known, supported and valued from the moment he arrives.

CENTRE OF ENHANCEMENT

A responsive, wraparound service that supports every student to reach his full potential. Learning is tailored to individual needs, whether through extension, targeted support or specific learning assistance. Progress is closely monitored so each young man can achieve with confidence.

CENTRE OF WELLBEING

Wellbeing shapes everything we do. Every student is heard, respected and supported by a dedicated team of psychologists, counsellors, mentors and pastoral staff. Students know there is always someone to turn to.

CENTRE OF FAITH AND LEADERSHIP

We guide students to grow into men of faith, character and service. Values such as mercy, compassion and respect are woven into daily life, fostering a welcoming, inclusive community where leadership and kindness are actively lived.

LIVING AT ST BEDE'S BOARDING AND HOMESTAY

Our onsite boarding school offers students a supportive and safe community while studying away from home. With modern facilities, comfortable accommodations, and a range of recreational activities, we strive to create an environment where boys can thrive.

Alternatively, we offer homestay opportunities to be able to fully integrate with and experience New Zealand family culture.

KIWI EXPERIENCE

At St Bede's, international students experience far more than classroom learning. Through school organised trips, sports, outdoor education and cultural activities, boys are encouraged to explore the best of New Zealand while building confidence and friendships. Whether it is outdoor pursuits, competitive sport, service opportunities or shared experiences beyond the classroom, students are immersed in authentic Kiwi life.



TERTIARY PATHWAYS

Last year, every one of our international graduates progressed to tertiary study. Our young men have earned places at prestigious national and international universities, and have gone on to succeed in business, politics, the arts, sports and public life around the world.

Our International Students attend University of Canterbury and Lincoln University Open Days, take part in dedicated campus visits to University of Canterbury, Lincoln and Ara, and meet directly with international liaison staff. Subject choices are made carefully, in partnership with families and agents, and aligned to specific degree goals such as Health Sciences, Engineering or Commerce.

We actively monitor University Entrance requirements, track credits and endorsements, and ensure literacy and numeracy standards are met. Senior students receive English language support where needed, alongside tailored programmes that strengthen academic confidence. Our focus is clear - every student leaves St Bede's with a clear direction, the right qualifications, and the confidence to step into the next stage of their education anywhere in the world.

My son spent five years of high school at St Bede's, and now he is about to graduate from university. Seeing him grow from an inexperienced boy into a mature and responsible young man fills me with immense pride. Throughout this journey, I am especially grateful to his teachers. They not only provided him with invaluable support in his studies but also offered crucial guidance in choosing his career path and academic courses. Thanks to their dedicated mentoring, my son was able to fully develop his strengths and make well-informed plans for his future.

Jessie Zhao

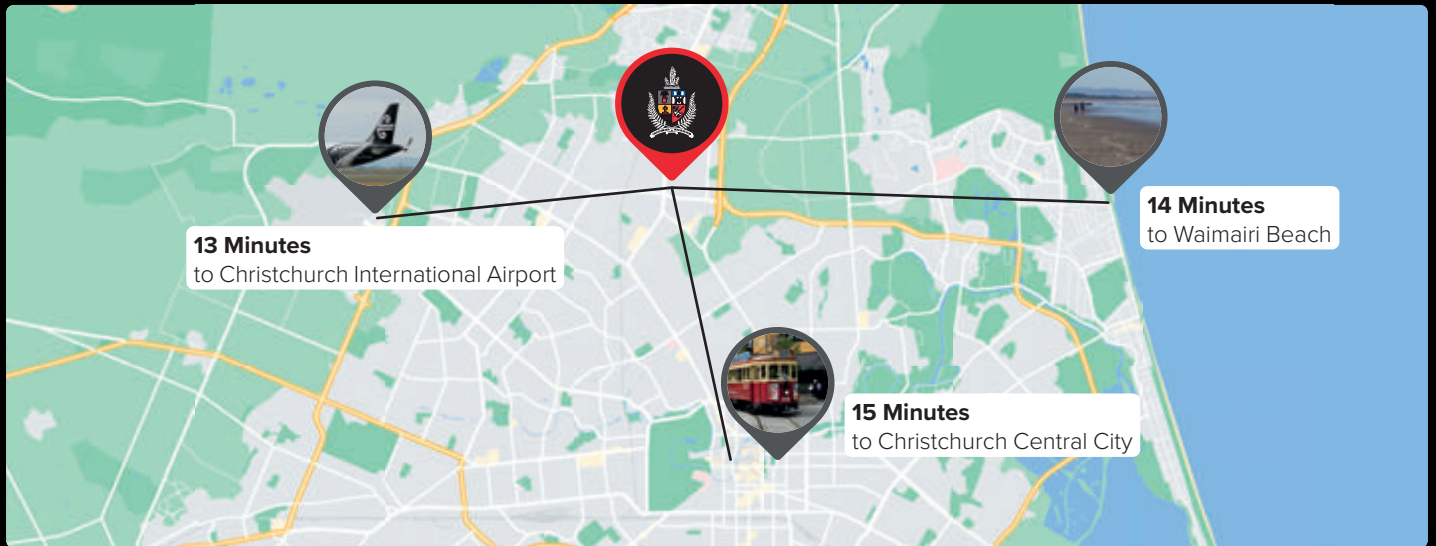
The best thing about Bede's is that it has a great culture and great people. All the staff, friends and students are so friendly. All of the curriculums are there - especially sports.

Hyunjin Lee (2020-2024)



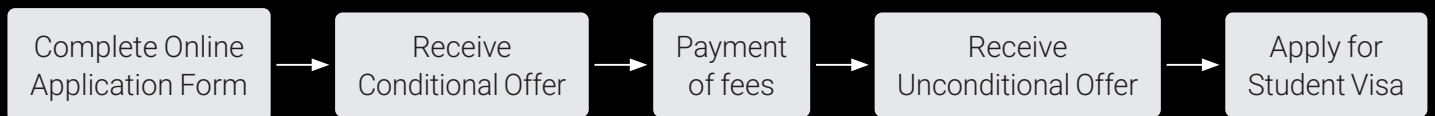
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch is New Zealand's second largest city, perfectly blending natural beauty with world-class education. Known as the "Garden City," Christchurch offers a safe, welcoming environment with stunning parks and easy access to outdoor adventures. It has a diverse, multicultural community where our international students can feel at home while exploring a unique blend of cultures and experiences.



ENROLMENT PROCESS

St Bede's College is proud to support the education of students from around the world. International students are a valued part of our community, enriching school life through the perspectives and experiences they bring. We are committed to making the enrolment process clear and supportive for families. The following steps outline how to apply and begin your journey at St Bede's.



To get started on the enrolment process, visit <https://stbedes.enrol.school.nz/>



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